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Red Springs Temporarily Closed for Restoration

Las Vegas -- Red Springs Picnic Area, located within Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, will be closed starting July 7 for about nine months to complete a restoration project funded by BLM land sales made possible through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act.

The Red Springs Restoration Project was approved in Round 4 of Capital Improvements and is expected to cost \$1.5 million.

The project will encompass several phases. The first phase will include removing the existing road, old parking lots, picnic areas and fencing.

The second phase will install new fencing throughout the wetland and riparian area. This phase will also include rehabilitating the old road and picnic area to a more natural setting.

The third phase will build a perimeter trail that ties to existing hiking trails. In addition, a wooden boardwalk will be constructed to allow access into the fenced area. The boardwalk trail will include interpretive panels explaining the unique cultural and natural resources of the area.

The fourth phase will install two new toilets, six picnic sites and create a paved parking lot.

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To learn more about the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act, the land sales it authorizes and the projects it funds, please visit: www.nv.blm.gov/snplma

Red Spring Picnic Area is located in Calico Basin along Highway 159.